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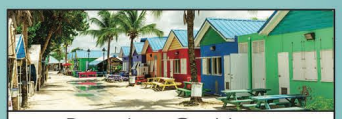

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Welcome to the Ufford PUNCH

From the Editor

Welcome to the November edition of the Ufford PUNCH.

Autumn is fully upon us and the leaves are turning colour, the seemingly endless days of leaf clearing have begun. The Friends of Parklands Wood see their fair share of autumnal change and have their AGM on 2nd November starting at 10am at the UCH. The FoPW are among a number of groups that are looking for volunteers this month, with the Speedwatch team (p4) and the Ufford Bellringers (p6) also looking for new members. If you have some spare time please consider becoming a part of these valuable village groups.

The Bonfire and Fireworks Night on 5th November, Remembrance Sunday on 10th November and not one, but two Christmas fayres/fairs on the 30th November are among the many events that can be found on Diary Dates (p23).

In this edition we have some fantastic news on p5, a welcome to the village on p7, a Great War graveyard mystery on p8-9, an account of a dream fulfilled on p12-13, reviews of a wonderful evening of theatre at St Mary's p14-15 and lots more from our regular contributors.

Lastly, as we draw closer to the yuletide season could I remind you of the PUNCH Christmas card service. Send your square shaped Christmas image and festive greeting to submissions@uffordpunch.org.uk by our 15th November deadline and we will do the rest. The £10 we receive from you will be donated to a deserving local charity, with the hope of making a small difference in someone's life during this important season of giving. **Tony Hill**

STOP PRESS - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Ufford Parish Council have now approved the Submission Neighbourhood Plan. This was sent off on Friday 18th October to East Suffolk Council for evaluation and examination. We would like to thank all residents who commented on the Draft Plan for their input and all members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the wider community who have contributed to the team effort in developing the Plan to this important milestone.

Front cover - Autumn along School Lane, Ufford

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Deadline for submissions: 15th November 2024

UPC Ufford Parish Council News

Community Speedwatch Group – Call for an Organiser and more Volunteers

One of the frequent complaints to the Parish Council is that of speeding vehicles through the village. In order to tackle this issue, the Parish Council set up the Ufford Community Speed Watch Group, fully authorised and trained by Suffolk Constabulary.

The group has been working for over two years and has detected hundreds of speeding vehicles. These drivers are notified to the Police, and the owner of the vehicle is sent a letter asking them to respect the speed limit.

The group now need an Organiser and a few more volunteers to boost numbers. The Organiser would set the timetable, ensure the equipment is ready to use and in the correct location, and forward the list of speeding vehicles detected to the Police, after each session. The work involved is estimated to be no more than a couple of hours a month and any expenses can be claimed back from the Parish Council. **Could this be you?**

Volunteers just need to give up the odd hour here and there to attend a session. You need to be able to stand for an hour on tarmac and have good eyesight to read number plates. If you are interested in helping fight speeding motorists in our village, please call Judi on 07739 411927 and she will give you all the details.

External Audit – We passed!

We are very pleased to report that, once again, our Annual Accounts have passed the Limited Assurance Review carried out by PKF Littlejohn LLP, with no comment or recommendations. Our accounts, down to the penny, can be viewed on the Parish Website at https://ufford.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/accounts/ and if you would like to see the actual invoices, remittance advices and bank statements, you only need to ask and we will happily set up a convenient time for you to view them.

Residents Welcome Postcard

Don't forget, UPC has a 'Welcome Postcard' for all new residents of the village. The card contains details of a web page that has been created to assist all newcomers and contact details for the Parish Council.

If you have new neighbours please e-mail the Council and we will drop a card off to them.

Ufford Community Hall Update

As regular users of the Hall have noticed, the work to renovate the toilets is now well underway. The accessible toilet was started first and is largely finished - there will be some minor things to do to make it pristine when the works as a whole are finished. The contractors have now taken out the old fittings in the ladies' and men's toilets and are boarding and plastering the walls and replacing the old flooring. Next step – new partitions and sanitary ware.

We are broadly on schedule for the work to finish by the end of October, despite some minor glitches on the way. We are looking forward to seeing and sharing the finished result with our users.

Vincent Smith

UFFORD PUNCH NOTICEBOARD

The PUNCH is Delighted to Publish an Ufford Birth Announcement

Longtime Ufford residents Joanna Coates and Daniel Metz joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Hazel Singer Metz.

Born in Ipswich Hospital on October 4, she moved into her Church Lane home the following day, where she has been happily living with her parents and amongst her many excited friends and neighbors.

She is especially welcomed by grandparents Jenefer and Paul Coates of London, Lisa and Fred Parenteau of Cape Cod, and Jim and Yan Metz of Boston; half-brothers Jacob and Leo Ciporen of Brooklyn; and godmother Nell Atkinson of Ufford. **Daniel Metz**

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PUNCH Christmas Cards 2024

Please submit your Christmas image and festive greeting by 15th November for inclusion in the December PUNCH. Spaces are limited, so act now to reserve yours.

IT'S HIP TO BE SQUARE!

Remember me? The Christmas Chameleon, ghost of Xmas 2023, back again to remind you to send festive greetings to your village friends through the Ufford Punch.

Still only £10, which will be donated to charity!

Don't make me blue! Make your image as near to SQUARE as you can

SQUARE!

Send your image and any required greetings to submissions@uffordpunch.org.uk and they will organise the rest.

Ufford Bonfire and Fireworks Night

It only seems like last year that we were oohing and ahhing at the fantastic fireworks display! Thanks to the team at the White Lion and their many helpers, the Ufford Bonfire and Fireworks Night will take place on Tuesday 5th November starting at 7pm.

Please bring cash donations for collection on arrival, these funds will pay for next year's display.

BBQ food will be served and an outside bar will be available.

Would you be able to volunteer some time this year? If so please contact Stephen or Andy at the White Lion on 01394 460770.

The Ufford Bell Ringers Seek New Members

Every Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9.00pm the sound of St Mary's Church bells reverberate around the village, however, at present, there is sadly not one person living in Ufford ringing those bells. Organiser Kate Eagle told the PUNCH "Due to a shortage in our numbers often only six of the eight bells are rung and we would love to encourage some new members from the village to ensure that all eight are heard."

Kate continued "Bellringing is open to all ages (although youngsters would have to be accompanied by a parent), you don't have to be strong and you won't be asked to climb up a long ladder! You don't have to have had a previous background in bell ringing and no musical knowledge is required. If you are interested please contact me first and we can arrange a date for you to be shown the ropes."

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Ufford Crown Christmas Party Menu 2024

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To Start

Roast cauliflower soup, garlic & rosemary croutons, parmesan [Ve*]

Crown Mezze of olives, lemon & garlic hummus, cream cheese and chive dip, pitta, focaccia [Ve*]

Duck liver and brandy parfait, spiced plum chutney, granary toast

Crispy brie, cranberry jam, truffled ham salt [V]

Smoked salmon rillettes, pickled fennel, leaves, celeriac remoulade, granary toast, lemon

Crispy oriental duck salad, orange, spring onions

To Follow

Norfolk turkey, chestnut stuffing, pigs in a blanket, roast potatoes, buttered vegetables, homemade cranberry sauce [NUTS*]

Vegetarian nut roast, roast tomato, roast potatoes, vegetables, homemade cranberry sauce [Ve][NUTS]

Slow roasted Dingley Dell pork belly, mash, seasonal vegetables, Bramley apple sauce

Roast cauliflower, butternut squash & spinach curry, basmati rice, pickled red onion, coriander [Ve]

Smoked haddock, pea, white wine cream linguini, spinach, herbs

Thai red spicy tiger prawn coconut curry, basmati rice, green papaya salad [SF]

Local sirloin steak, skin on fries, salad, confit tomato, caramelised shallots & garlic butter
£9.5 supplement

To Finish

Sue Allen's Christmas pudding, brandy cream [V]

Black Forest Eton Mess

Spiced apple crumble, clotted cream ice cream

Warm chocolate brownie, vanilla icecream, toffee sauce [V][Ve*]

Grilled pineapple, passionfruit sorbet, hazelnut praline [V][Ve*][NUTS*]

Madagascan vanilla crème brûlée, shortbread biscuit

Selection of cheeses, oatcake, crackers, apple, chutney [V]
Cashel Blue, West Country Brie & Cornish Yarg
£2.5 supplement

Christmas crackers included. **Service not included.** **Two courses £29.5** **Three courses £37.5**

This menu is subject to change. Please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements when pre-ordering. Please let us know how you would like the steak cooked when pre-ordering.

[Ve] Vegan [V] Vegetarian [NUTS] Contains Nuts [NUTS*] Nut Free Option Available [V*] Vegetarian option available [Ve*] Vegan option available

Welcome to the Village - Peter Turner

Hello everyone, my name is Peter Turner and I will be moving into 2 Lady Cottages in Church Lane bit-by-bit during October. I recently met up with Kevin Young who insisted I say a bit about myself, so here goes …

In real life I was a sort of lighting designer (architectural, not theatrical production), with a sideline designing lifts and escalators. I couldn't do it now – lighting equipment changed so much after I retired in 2005.

I then resurrected a childhood dream and created a cartoon strip (they laughed when I was at school, but once I got published, they all stopped laughing!). The cartoon strip was of a pair of lower-deck sailors in Georgian times, who got into the same scrapes and bothers as today's sailors – the only difference is that today's equipment is more expensive.

From the openings that the cartoons gave, I evolved into a sort of illustrator and a sort of writer, mostly about naval history (Georgian sailing navies) and a sort of magazine editor (honorary), a few copies available if you insist, and a sort of copy editor (paid, sometimes).

As another sideline, I am privileged (since 2009) to be one of the Wardens of Woodbridge Tide Mill, which is the last operating tide mill in the country (find me there on Sundays during the season). I am the oldest Warden, in more ways than one, but young in spirit. I also do the odd shift at Aldeburgh Moot Hall Museum (as Steward) and St Elizabeth Hospice (Gift Aid admin work).

I lived in Woodbridge for 26 years until I moved to Aldeburgh a couple of years ago, but I am now back and looking forward to joining in here in Ufford. Already, a number of my new neighbours, and Andy at The White Lion, have made me feel very welcome. **Peter Turner**

King Alfred and the Cakes

On 18th September Ufford welcomed Dr Sam Newton (resident Anglo Saxon expert from Channels 4's Time Team) back to the White Lion for a fascinating lecture on 'King Alfred and the Cakes'.

The audience of Dark Age enthusiasts were immediately transported back to the 860s and 870s, when fearsome Vikings like 'Ivar the Boneless' roamed the land doing what Vikings do best, namely looting and pillaging. It wasn't entirely clear how Ivar got his nickname - perhaps he was born with a skeletal condition which left him unable to walk, or maybe he was merely impotent.

Given his predilection for inflicting cruel and unusual punishments on those who crossed his path, I suspect that few dared to ask. Our very own East Anglian King Edmund met his end at his hands and appears to have got off quite lightly by only being shot full of arrows so he resembled a porcupine and then beheaded.

Into this mix came King Alfred, who as well as being the first ever contestant in Celebrity Bake Off, was also a military genius who rallied his small band of troops in the Somerset Marshes.

Dr Newton explained how in 878 he eventually came to defeat the Danes at the Battle of Edington and secured peace through the Treaty of Wedmore. As two other great historians (Sellar and Yeatman) noted, from this point on the Danes were 'compelled to stop being Danes and become English and therefore C of E and get properly married', which was a triumph.

Danish control for us East Anglians, known as Danelaw, was to last for many years to come, but thanks to Alfred the tide had turned decisively in favour of the English.

Thanks are due to Dr Newton for a fascinating talk, and the White Lion for hosting the evening.

Tim Mumford

Lest We Forget - The Patrick Family in the Great War

Ufford historian Andy Pritchatt kindly provided this article and requests some help in solving a graveyard mystery

The Patrick family have had a long connection to the village of Ufford with the last member living at Bennefred until her death a few years ago. However, going back further in time, Jonathan Noah Patrick was the landlord of the White Lion from 1865 to 1878, but it is his son, George, and grandsons, Charles and Felix this article is about.

George was born in 1864 and was the second of three sons of Jonathan and Lucy Patrick. George married Amelia Clover in 1888 and soon two sons, Charles and Felix, were born. Sadly, Amelia died in childbirth leaving George to bring up his two young boys. The lack of work locally forced George to leave the village, leaving his sons to be cared for by their extended family while he looked for employment.

As teenagers, both Charles and Felix regularly got up to mischief. On one occasion they were caught "trespassing in search of game and conies at Pettistree" for which they were fined 10s with 6s 9d costs with the threat of 14 days hard labour if they defaulted.

When war came in 1914, the family were split across the country. Their father George had remarried and was living and working in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, Felix was working on the railways in the Midlands with only Charles remaining in the village. Charles was the only one with military experience, having enlisted into the army as a "Special" in 1907. A "Special" spent six months training as a regular soldier and then returned to civilian life but ready to be called up if necessary.

On 8th August 1914, Charles received his mobilisation papers and joined the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Suffolk Regiment in Bury St Edmunds. He was the first of the family to join up and was posted to the 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment in France on the 7th October 1914. Charles was wounded while fighting near Ypres and was shipped home. He arrived back in England on 19th December 1914 and was in hospital with fractured ribs from 14th January to 27th February 1915. By the end of March 1915 Charles was fit enough to be sent back to the front line with the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment. While with them he was involved in the Battle of St Julien where the battalion encountered their first gas attack. It was here that Charles was captured and taken to Germany where he was imprisoned at Giessen. A postcard home confirmed that he was safe but a prisoner of war. Charles was repatriated to England on 8th December 1918.

Postcard of Charles at Giessen Camp

His father, George, was too old to volunteer to fight at almost 50 years of age, but this didn't stop him. He instead joined the Red Cross, where after a training and a competence test, he was posted as an orderly to a military hospital in Boulogne arriving on 24th October 1914. He was to remain here until March the following year when he returned home to civilian life.

Felix enlisted in early 1915 with the 1st Battalion, Warwickshire Regiment and his war would not begin until March 1916 when, having been promoted to Sergeant, he was posted to the 11th Battalion Warwickshire Regiment. In April 1917, the battalion was in trenches outside Arras when they were ordered to take the high ground near Monchy-le-Preux. The battalion advanced to within 50 yards of the village when the enemy used heavy artillery against them and then attacked in strength with the battalion sustaining heavy losses. Felix was one of those casualties.

The death of Felix Patrick was reported in an article in the Ufford Monthly Magazine in May 1917:

Lest We Forget - The Patrick Family in the Great War

"Concerning the last to fall, Sergeant Felix Patrick, we have heard a little more from his regiment than reaches us about the fallen heroes. The Chaplain wrote "he was a fine soldier" and his officer wrote "my Platoon Sergeant was absolutely invaluable, and much loved by all his comrades" ….. "for myself I feel I have lost equally an A1 platoon Sergeant and a companion whose cheery disposition through all the trying times one undergoes I shall miss very greatly indeed, for it is such men who enable the British soldiers to go through what they do."

We know that Felix is buried at the British Cemetery at Duisans in France and his father, George, in Southend. However, the whereabouts of Charles's grave is unclear and Mike Davis, his grandson, would like to find out where it is. We understand that he is buried in St Mary's Churchyard Extension where there is a grave marked with a metal cross. The graves either side suggest the burial there was between June 1934 and April 1936 and Charles died in November 1934.

If anyone knows who's the grave is, please contact the editors of the Ufford Punch. **Andy Pritchatt**

Image of Metal Cross

NO RETURNS

In a shell soiled sodden field
a swathe of poppies grow
the earth slate grey,
skylarks fly below
the once known tops of trees.
Prior red petals have had their day,
pale slender stems are blasted away
into fumed air
to float on mud filled trenches
and holes gouged out by shells.
A minute Sargasso sea
In a liquid hell.

Today, the corn grows tall
a wavering yellow
echoing in the wind
like a funeral pall
of muted bells.
Scars still show,
the parade ground rows
are buried to the sound
of the bullets song,
the Big Bertha crump
and the bloody chorus
of the wounded ranks.

Would we have trained home
to public applause and private thanks.

Mike Bewley-Pope

"This poem was written here at Ilex in Ufford during the winter of 2022/2023. The inspiration came from the First World War paintings of Paul Nash, especially the Menin Road, and the poems of Wilfred Owen."

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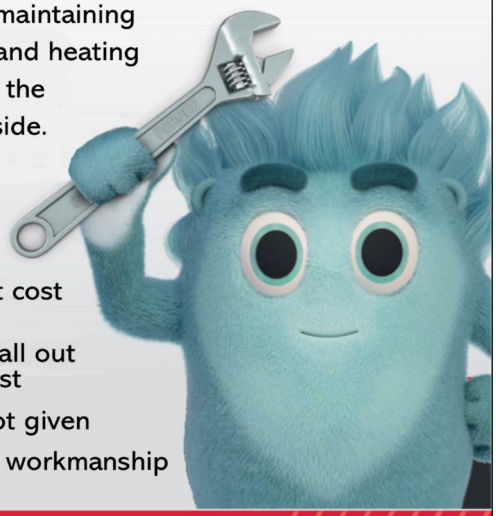

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New Twist in Pettistree Solar Farm Battle

The estate of tragic tech tycoon Mike Lynch has criticised a decision to allow the firm behind plans to build a 40,000 panel solar farm on the edge of Ufford three months to produce a Heritage Impact Assessment.

Before he died in August, Mr Lynch spearheaded a legal challenge that reversed the decision to build a solar farm in countryside next to his Loudham Hall Estate, at Pettistree.

The PUNCH reported that British Solar Renewables wanted to build a 200-acre site overlooking his family's 16th century property, which is set in 69-acres of grounds and woodlands, alongside 2,500 acres of mainly arable farmland he owned.

Mr Lynch, 59, launched a High Court judicial review three months before the Bayesian sank in a terrible storm off the port of Porticello, a fishing village in Sicily, in the early hours of August 19.

East Suffolk Council, responsible for planning decisions, accepted the review's findings that there had not been enough scrutiny on the effects of the solar farm on the area's heritage, including the Loudham Estate.

The PUNCH can now reveal that East Suffolk Council has given BSR until February 2025 to deliver the document, which will then be considered before a new planning decision is made. The Heritage Impact Assessment will focus on the Loudham Estate, and a number of Grade II listed structures, including the nearby Abbey House, a historic former priory.

A letter to BSR states the firm must also look again at the issue of 'glint and glare' as it was a point made by Mr Lynch in his judicial review win. It adds: 'The opportunity should be taken to revisit and expand upon this based on your awareness of the claims made in that respect.'
Will Harrison, Estate Manager at Loudham Hall, said the judicial review exposed glaring omissions by East Suffolk Council despite, he claims, these objections being raised in the past. He said: 'A number of relevant wider issues

should be interrogated very closely before East Suffolk Council reconsiders this development.'

'We remain opposed to this development, because the relative inefficiency of solar energy production does not justify such a significant impact to the historic landscape.'

A spokesperson for British Solar Renewables said: 'This project and others like it are invaluable to helping the UK achieve energy security and to tackle the climate crisis. We have worked closely with East Suffolk Council to respond to the Judicial Review.'

A spokesperson for East Suffolk Council said: 'The application ... requires further information to be submitted, consulted on and reviewed. We await further supporting information from the applicant before taking further steps with a decision.'

Mike Lynch and his 18-year-old daughter Hannah were laid to rest in front of 450 mourners - with many travelling from Suffolk - at a moving ceremony held in the church of St James's Piccadilly, in Central London, on Thursday 17th October.

Andy Gardner

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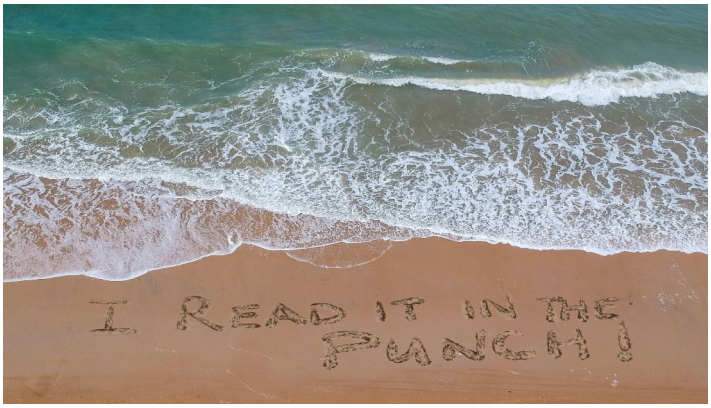

A Long-Awaited Journey by William Atkinson

Will, 24, from School Lane fulfilled a dream to experience Japanese life by living and working in the country for a year. Will recently returned to Ufford and we asked him to tell us about his adventure.

If you've never watched the animated films from Studio Ghibli, I couldn't recommend them more. Each one is filled with fantastical imagery, sweeping music, and deeply human characters navigating growing up. These films were my first opening into the vast world of Japan, and undoubtedly the first stone in my path toward the country itself. At 16 I found a retired Japanese teacher in a nearby village, and with that I began to learn.

An entire year of new people, places, and experience is difficult to condense into these few paragraphs, but I'll give it a go. My first stop landed me in Okinawa, a tropical island 400km south of the mainland. There I worked for a month, on a dairy farm not far from the jungle. We would wake up at 4.30am to bring the cows in from the field, and whilst the skilled workers milked, we would make animal food, water the vegetable patch, and shovel the cow-pats. I made a friend with an enormous spider hanging over the pat-pit, and I called her Susan. In between shifts we would sit in the sun and read, or cycle down to the nearest waterfall to wade in its cool water. It was here I first caught a glimpse of the fantastical imagery I saw as a child.

After saying goodbye to the family at Kiyuna farm, I made my way to Osaka, the liveliest city in eastern Japan. Whilst working in a hostel wasn't quite the haven for learning Japanese I'd hoped for, the rich music and food scene made up for that in full. I went to underground hip-hop dance battles, ambient-electronic music nights in warehouses by the docks, and strange bars in abandoned office buildings where anything goes. Osaka seems to attract those disillusioned with the expectations of Japanese society, and walking the

streets at night you'll see colourful biker gangs, young artists covered in tattoos and American muscle cars bouncing down the streets. For me, Osaka and the people I met there represent that vigorous rush at life, burning hot and fast in a bid to shine bright with feeling: those narrow streets of smoking grills and lairy karaoke bars are held dear to my heart, to the tune of music shared on tobacco-sweet nights.

Loving my time there but no better at Japanese, I left the metropolitan Osaka and decided to move up the river, to that ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto. I craved that complete immersion that I felt in watching those movies as a kid, and months of burning the wick at both ends had me searching for a slower pace of life.

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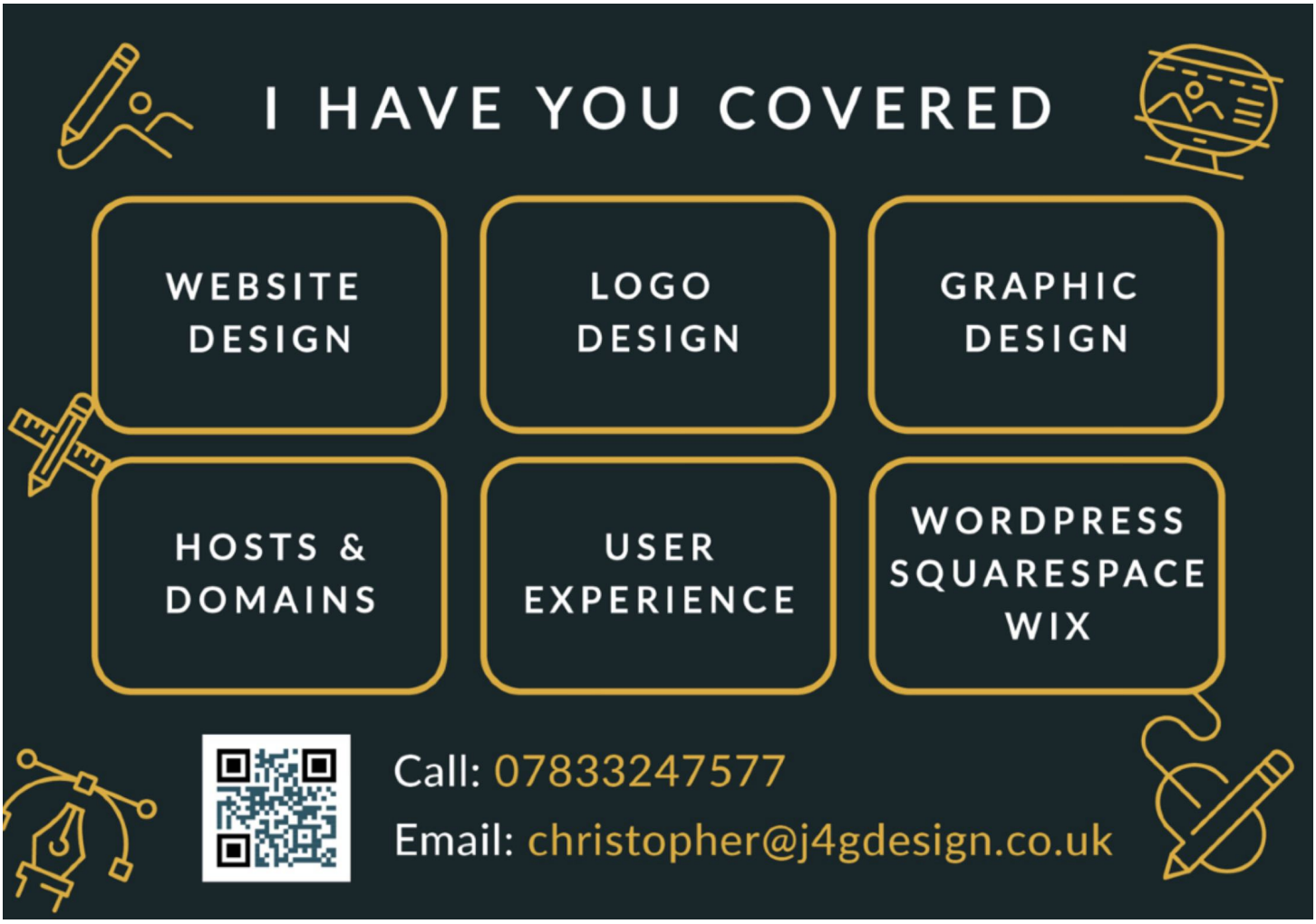
Upon arriving I had no place to live and no job, but with the help of my dear friend Chonsu, I found both within a few days. So it was, that every morning I would wake early, look out to the unhurried river winding under western foothills lush with autumn, and cycle across the city to my warehouse work in the northern mountains.

If in Osaka I felt detached from the norm, in Kyoto I felt part of the whole. Never have I felt more at home in a foreign land than cycling down the river's paths at sunset and watching salarymen playing their soul through the saxophone, stumbling across 300 year old shops run on noiseless streets in the suburbs, or stopping to watch the clouds pass with an elderly man I've never met before. And of course, I can't speak of Kyoto without speaking of its food: almost every Izakaya or restaurant you come across will be family-run, with the effort that goes into every meal a reflection of a dedication to craft that courses through Japan; locality and seasonality are far more present, with delicious flaky Sanma fish in November, and fresh daikon from the mountains braised sweet and earthy in early winter.

Every moment in Kyoto I discovered something fresh and illuminating, and most of all were the people that entered my life. They reminded me that the lived experience is wonderfully the same and beyond language, each one of us deeply human, trying to navigate the passing of the years.

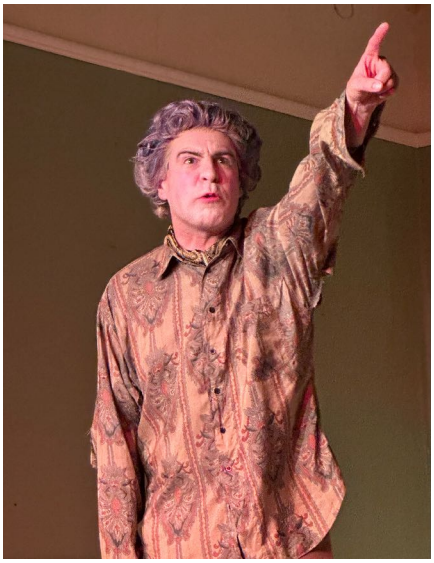
There were other places I explored across the year, each with their own adventures and enlightenments, but for now I'll have to leave it here. The Ghibli movies opened my eyes, but the real thing is much more colourful, far more sweeping, and I miss it dearly.

All photos courtesy of Will



Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope

What a treat to have live theatre in Ufford on a regular basis now, thanks to the tireless efforts of Andy Gardner and Amanda Baker of Oooh Aaah Events.



The latest production to lure a sold-out crowd to St Mary's Parish Hall (via venues as prestigious as Buxton Opera House and London's Jermyn Street Theatre, no less) was **Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope**, a scintillating, emotionally charged one-man show by actor and writer Mark Farrelly.

This was a play that catapulted us – often hilariously – into the soul of someone who, for a while back in the dark ages of the last century, was Britain's best known and most outrageous gay man. Largely thanks to the 1975 ITV drama *The Naked Civil Servant* that first brought him to public acclaim; and also to Crisp's own efforts in the decades that followed to keep the flame of his newfound fame burning bright.

The first half of the play focused on his pre-fame years in London, when his burning desire to have the world accept him as he was ("an effeminate homosexual") brought impoverishment, social exclusion and regular violent assaults – with Farrelly digging deep to convey not only the caustic humour with which Crisp kept the world at bay, but also his aching vulnerability.

After the interval (and the usual pleas from Mr Gardner for patrons to pay homage at the bar) we were introduced to the post-fame Crisp, now living in New York and dispensing the sort of pithy wisdom and quip-peppered life-advice that featured in his stage show An Evening with Quentin Crisp. Here came one of the evening's funniest moments when Ufford's own Jonathan Dyke gamely answered the call to go on stage for a Q&A session of the kind that made Crisp's shows such a success. Well done, Jonathan!

With a minimum of props and a great deal of intensity, Mark Farrelly painted an inventive and insightful portrait of Crisp's unique personality, courage and astonishing determination to be true to himself. He rounded the evening off by talking about the difficult circumstances in which he came to create the play – a moving account in itself that brought the story perfectly full circle. Not only that, he generously stayed around afterwards to chat with audience members.

A great night of heartfelt entertainment, and for a price, incredibly, that would barely cover an interval drink in most theatres.

Review by Jed Leland

Quentin Crisp - The Experience

Photos courtesy of Jane Cochrane, Andy Gardner and Tony Hill

Quentin Crisp - The VIP Experience

At the Ufford Summer Ball this year Clare and Nick generously outbid all for a VIP experience at the next Oooh Aaah event and were treated to an evening they will never forget

Lady Clare and I were delighted to be invited as VIPs to Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope at the Village Hall, starring the remarkable Mark Farrelly. We flew back from Cannes that morning by private jet to make sure we didn't miss it. The villagers were there in droves, presumably to see us, and waved us through to the front of the queue with hardly any shouting of "who the hell do you think you are!" Inside we were met by world famous impresario, Andy Gardner, and his scandalously young partner Amanda, who was busy flogging cheap wine to the punters.

We were escorted to our front row seats by an engaging young manservant once he had cleared the hoi polloi off the red carpet (it had seen better days).

Lady Clare and Nick Morrell enjoy the mood lighting and their attentive manservant for the evening Mark Solomons

Lady Clare was particularly taken with the glitter ball that hung above our drinks table and was much amused when I clattered my head on it. The staff had laid on an array of sumptuous delicacies while we waited for the show to begin, including Frazzles, Cheesy Wotsits and something they called a cheese and pineapple hedgehog. Fortunately, we were able to palm most of this onto the row behind us, who were already a little the worse for wear before the play started.

Our butler served some rather delightful cocktails which were most welcome. The play was marvellous and the audience tolerable. Lady Clare and I retired to our mansion in a most agreeable mood. **Nick Morrell**

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Quiz Night - Tuesday 12th November 7pm meal, Quiz 8pm

Open Mic Night - Thursday 21st November 7pm with Tom Mumford and other guest performers.

Quiz Night - Tuesday 26th November 7pm meal, Quiz 8pm

Wreath-Making Workshop - Wednesday 27th November 2 to 4pm with Janet Slattery. Create your own unique Christmas door wreath. £25 per person; includes materials, seasonal nibbles and refreshments.

The White Lion offers all Ufford PUNCH readers a complimentary festive mulled wine or a soft drink on arrival for all pre-Christmas bookings.

White Lion Christmas Menu 2024

To begin with

Duck terrine with a tomato and red onion preserve

Stuffed pastry tartlets filled with prawns, vegetables fried in lemon grass and coriander with an oyster mushroom sauce

Warming pea and ham soup with rustic crusty bread

Baked button mushrooms in a creamy garlic sauce with a crusty herb topping

Traditional crayfish cocktail

From the range

Pan fried Sutton Hoo chicken breast stuffed with savoury forcemeat and coated with a Binham Blue cheese sauce

Braised Guinea Fowl breast cooked in a rich burgundy sauce with lardons of bacon and button mushrooms

Lightly seared salmon fillet and butterflied king prawns with capers and lemon butter

Traditional roast turkey with stuffing bacon chipolata game chips pan gravy and cranberry sauce

Pan fried Sirloin steak cooked to your liking, served with large double fried chips, mushrooms and tomato
Green peppercorn or blue cheese sauce £5.85 supplement

Roasted butter nut squash and spinach risotto with parsnip crisps

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River Deben Citizen Scientists meet in Ufford

St Mary's Church Hall played host to two one day events for the network of volunteer citizen scientists from the Deben Climate Centre who have built a reputation for sampling and testing work on our polluted rivers. In mid-September, around 30 volunteers gathered to hear about the past year's results, have an update from Dr Nick Tucker at University of Suffolk about this group's research on E.coli and practice new techniques for the River Deben environmental monitoring programme.

Nick's research team have analysed E.coli samples from the river including from the Ufford Hole and using DNA sequencing have identified 6 out of 10 samples as having dangerous toxins associated with the bacteria - some cause bleeding dysentery whilst others attack the stomach lining, inflicting damage to healthy cells. Isolates from some of these E.coli strains have been shown to have strong antibiotic resistance.

During the day, the groups tried out a new handheld meter to test for pH, electrical conductivity and dissolved solids; these measures can quickly spot potential pollution incidents in the river. We were joined for part of the day by an ITV Anglia news crew who filmed the new tests and interviewed some of the volunteers. Scan the QR code below to see the news item.

Following this event, sixteen volunteers from the water quality group attended a one day Riverfly training session in Ufford on Tuesday 1st October and are now accredited to take part in the nationwide Riverfly Management Initiative. We will be surveying a range of sites on the river from Ufford up to Debenham in the coming months. These surveys look for specific larvae such as caddisfly, olive and mayfly as well as freshwater shrimps. Their presence or lack of it are signs of a healthy or a polluted river.

The Environment Agency agree targets for each survey location and investigate any breaches which might indicate pollution incidents. In one of our practice 3 minute kick-sample surveys in North Meadow, as well as finding many larvae - especially those of the caddis fly - and over 1300 shrimps, our survey also found small eels, bullhead fish and even a tiny flatfish that had made its way up from the tidal junction downstream.

David Findley

Ufford Gardening Club - September Meeting

Our September speaker for the Ufford Gardening Club, Sue Sharman from Swanns Nursery, stepped in at the last moment when the scheduled speakers could not make it due to illness. Undaunted, Sue spoke on the subject of "Trees for gardens" and their value to both humans and wildlife.

Where a garden has trees there is enhanced nutritional value to the soil from leaf drop and valuable shading where it is needed, plus habitat and food for wildlife, but also psychological value. Apparently patients who have a view of trees from their windows have been found to heal faster and spend fewer days in hospital. Trees filter dust particles by up to seventy percent for those of us who live near busy roads and offset CO2 by absorbing between ten and 40 kilos of CO2 a year, depending on factors such as size of course. They also dissipate wind and can act as a sound barrier.

When choosing a suitable tree for your garden it is important to have room for good anchorage for the roots that will inevitably grow beyond the leaf drip line and will need room to seek out nutrients and water. We all know, too, that trees close to buildings can undermine them, dry out the soil, especially clay soils, and cause subsistence and structural damage.

Where there is hard standing, trees need a good one and a half metres of unpaved ground around the trunk. Cherry trees particularly have roots that extend a long way just below the surface and can lift paving or tarmac.

When choosing a tree for a small garden the RHS top five recommendations are: - Acer Griseum (or Paperbark Maple), Amelanchier (several varieties), Hawthorns, Sorbus Joseph Rock (Mountain Ash) and Prunus Amanogawa (an upright narrow cherry).

For medium sized gardens they recommend: - Betula Jaquemontii (a Himalayan Birch), Prunus varieties, Hawthorns, Pyrus Ornamental (grey leafed ornamental pear), Robbinias and Crab Apple varieties.

Sue recommends that when buying a tree you should buy locally to minimise carrier costs and damage in transport. It's good to see and check your trees for pests and diseases before purchasing. When planting stake well, use bonemeal and compost and water deeply for the first two years to establish roots. After that you should only need to remove dead and dying branches.

Note: our September speakers from "Tin Shed Flower Farm" have been rescheduled for January 2025.

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Nature Notes by Laurence Potter

Autumn is now in full flow, with November 5th in mind please check any fires before lighting as hedgehogs could well have gone into them thinking it's a great hibernation place.

Ivy - this plant is now a huge larder for so much wildlife, insects feeding frantically on the flowers, birds gobbling up the berries. It takes up to 10 years for ivy to mature and come into flower so please if at all possible leave it to continue growing and being a vital source of food and shelter for so much wildlife. The berries high in fat are an avian superfood, weight for weight the juicy blue/black orbs are comparable to a bar of well known brand chocolate say the RSPB.

Photo: Courtesy of John Richardson

Fox cubs will now be leaving the security of family life and be off to fend for themselves looking for their own territories and future partners. Fox droppings if found are now full of blackberry seeds, I'm sure the berries are a welcome addition to their diet.

Bats will I hope have put on sufficient weight to sustain them through the winter months, this I feel has become tougher year by year with the crash of insect life and also the loss of so many hibernation sites - so much stacked against their survival.

As temperatures drop and water freezes it can become difficult for wildlife to find drinking water. A bird bath will provide essential water and also much entertainment for those who provide it, as will providing food - it's a win-win situation.

Nature Knowledge

The winter coat of deer has hollow hairs which trap air therefore adding a layer of insulation, this can be seen when snow builds up on their back instead of melting.

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November's garden column is from local horticulturist Nikk Slowey FdSc Hort. Lecturer in Horticulture at Suffolk Rural. Along with her husband Christian they run garden design and maintenance company Honeysuckle Horticulture. www.honeysucklehorticulture.co.uk

"November's sky is chill and drear,
November's leaf is red and sear."

Sir Walter Scott

It's getting colder and wetter as we draw into November. Trees are putting on their autumn displays and winter stems start to come into their own. As autumn turns to winter, it's time to protect your plants from the inclement weather to come.

Jobs for the Ornamental Garden

Plant out winter bedding in borders and containers.

Insulate your outdoor containers from frosts. Use hessian or bubble wrap held in place with garden twine.

Plant tulip bulbs for a colourful spring display next year.

Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds. Use them to make leaf mould perfect for mulching and adding to potting mixes.

Protect roses from wind-rock by pruning them by one-third to half their height. This will stop them swaying in strong wind and prevent roots coming loose in the soil.

Raise containers onto pot feet or bricks to prevent waterlogging if wet weather is forecast.

Divide early flowering perennials such as oriental poppies, lupins and peonies and replant the divisions straight into the border.

Aerate your lawn now before winter sets in. Either use a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and lean it back slightly to let air in.

Edge your lawn. This is easy to do in the winter months once beds are clear. Lawn edging creates a neat and tidy appearance and makes maintenance easier throughout the year.

Tie in long shoots of climbers such as clematis and honeysuckle to prevent wind damage over the winter months.

Jobs for the Kitchen Garden

Plant bare-root berry bushes and raspberry canes.

Begin to prune apple and pear trees as well as gooseberries and currants.

Divide mature clumps of rhubarb once they're dormant.

Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem, and stake them removing any yellowing leaves to the compost heap.

Tidy up your strawberry plants, cutting off any dead leaves and removing runners.

Mulch empty beds with a 1 inch layer of well-rotted manure or garden compost and leave the worms and other soil organisms and bacteria to flourish. Next spring plant directly into the mulch.

Apply grease bands to the trunks of fruit trees to prevent wingless female winter moths climbing the trunks and laying their eggs in the branches.

Check stored fruit and potatoes for rot regularly to avoid it spreading to the whole crop.

Kidzone Bonfire Night Quiz Answers - Across 2a Penny 4a Banger 6a Treason 8a Gunpowder 10a Tower 13a Hats 14a Catherine 16a Dogs 17a Barrels 18a Sparklers - Down 1d Parliament 2d Plot 3d November 4d Bonfire 5d James 7d No 9d of London 11d China 12d Hedgehogs 14d Candles 15d Apple

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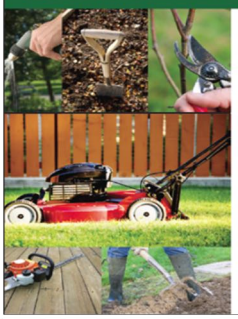

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5th November	Fireworks Night at the White Lion - starts 7pm	
7th November	Ufford Art History Group - Talk - Botticelli and Venus 2.30pm	UCH
10th November	Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church 10.45am	
11th & 25th November	Friends of Parklands Wood - Working Party 9.00am	UCH
12th & 26th November	White Lion Quiz Night - Food from 7.00pm, Quiz at 8.00pm	
13th November	Ufford Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00 noon	UCH
19th November	Ufford Parish Council - Meeting 7.00pm	UCH
21st November	White Lion Open Mic Night 7.00pm	
27th November	Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop - White Lion - 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
27th November	Ufford Gardening Club - AGM and Dinner	UCH
30th November	Ufford Church Christmas Fayre 10.00am to 12.00 noon	SMPH
30th November	Ufford Crown Christmas Fair 12.00 noon to 4.00pm	

CLASSES AND CLUBS

Tai Chi Classes	Mondays at 2.15pm	UCH
Tennis Club	Monday and Friday from 5.00pm	UCH
Carpet Bowls	Tuesdays at 2.00pm	UCH
Crocodile Rock	Tuesdays 9.45am-10.45am and 11.15am-12.00 noon	UCH
Ufford Bell Ringers	Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.00pm	
Happy Babies	Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am and 11am-12 noon	UCH

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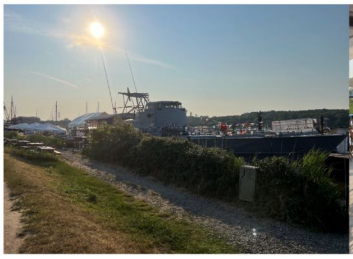

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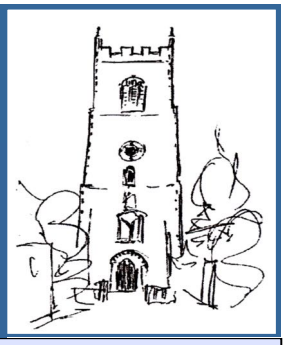

November is the month for remembering. We begin with remembering all of those whose lives have been touched by Jesus with All Saints Day. We remember their life and their faith which often led them to their death and sadly we still see that happening today. On our world stage we see that violence and aggression is all too common place. My prayer is that those who feel that the only way forward is with violence may see a different way to peace and a change of heart. This prayer is all the more in our hearts and minds in this season of remembrance, as we pray and give thanks for our departed loved ones and for those who have given their lives in service to their country.

What I would like to encourage is that each of us see one another as Jesus sees us; beautifully and wonderfully made, putting aside pre-conceived ideas and assumptions based on fear and misunderstanding and perhaps the failure to truly listen to what others are saying and feeling. In a month when we give thanks for all the saints and remember all of those who have given their lives in service for their country so that we can have freedom, let us put aside whatever holds us back from showing love, compassion, tolerance and respect.

On Monday 4TH November at 7pm in St Andrew's Melton we will we hold a special service of Holy Communion to remember all those who have died. This will be a special time when candles can be lit as a way of remembering our departed loved ones, and all are invited to come along to this quiet and gentle time.

With my love, prayer and blessing

Fr. Paul

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Sun 3rd All Saints Day

08.00 am Holy Communion BCP at Melton

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Sun 10th 3 Before Advent
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10.45 Remembrance Service Ufford

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Sun 17th 2 Before Advent

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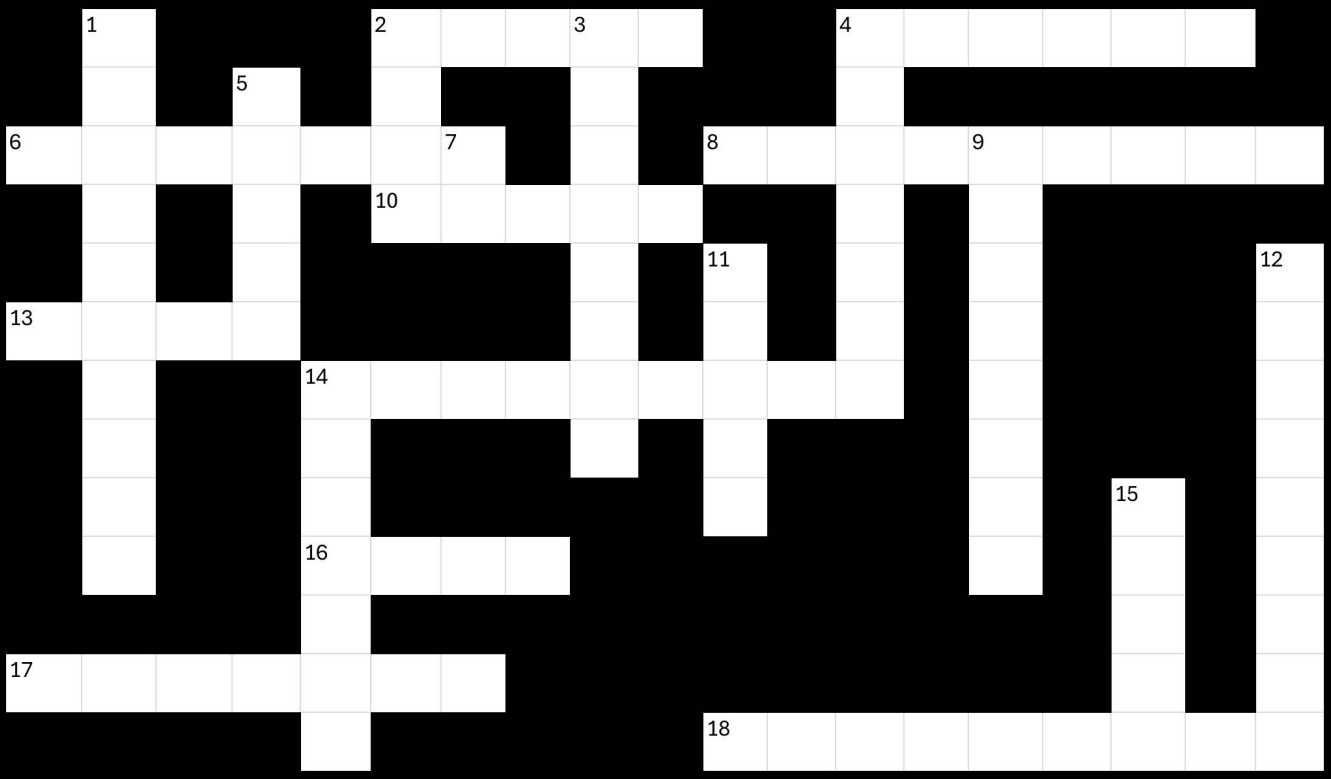
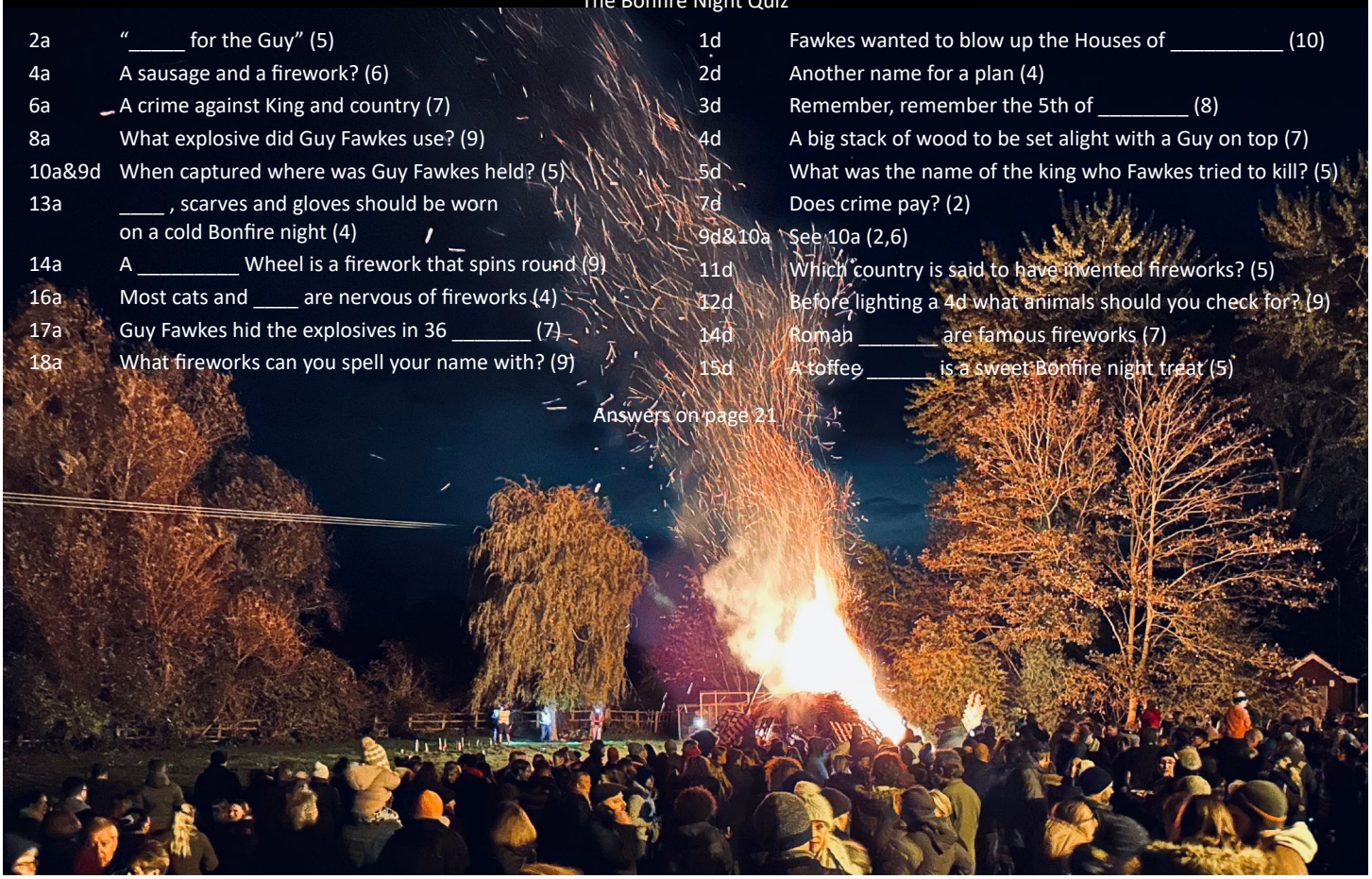


The Bonfire Night Quiz

2a "_____ for the Guy" (5)
4a A sausage and a firework? (6)
6a A crime against King and country (7)
8a What explosive did Guy Fawkes use? (9)
10a&9d When captured where was Guy Fawkes held? (5)
13a ____ , scarves and gloves should be worn on a cold Bonfire night (4)
14a A _____ Wheel is a firework that spins round (9)
16a Most cats and ____ are nervous of fireworks (4)
17a Guy Fawkes hid the explosives in 36 _____ (7)
18a What fireworks can you spell your name with? (9)

1d Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of _____ (10)
2d Another name for a plan (4)
3d Remember, remember the 5th of _____ (8)
4d A big stack of wood to be set alight with a Guy on top (7)
5d What was the name of the king who Fawkes tried to kill? (5)
7d Does crime pay? (2)
9d&10a See 10a (2,6)
11d Which country is said to have invented fireworks? (5)
12d Before lighting a 4d what animals should you check for? (9)
14d Roman _____ are famous fireworks (7)
15d A toffee _____ is a sweet Bonfire night treat (5)

Answers on page 21



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